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**GENERAL LEASE – RECREATIONAL USE**

**APPLICANT:**

Robert P. Oliver, as Trustee of the Oliver Community Property Trust dated  
May 5, 1975

**PROPOSED LEASE:**

*AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:*

Sovereign land in Lake Tahoe, adjacent to 3230 Edgewater Drive, near  
Tahoe City, Placer County.

*AUTHORIZED USE:*

Continued use and maintenance of two existing mooring buoys.

*LEASE TERM:*

10 years, beginning June 1, 2016.

*CONSIDERATION:*

\$754 per year, with an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment.

*SPECIFIC LEASE PROVISIONS:*

1. Liability insurance in an amount no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
2. If Lessee does not have valid Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) buoy permits, Lessee is required to obtain such authorization for the mooring buoys within two years after the adoption of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Lake Tahoe Shorezone Ordinance Amendments and approval of the amended ordinances. If Lessee is unable to obtain such authorization within the time limit, he may be required to remove the buoys.
3. Lessee expressly acknowledges and agrees that issuance of a lease does not substitute for, or provide preference in, obtaining

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authorizations from TRPA or any other regulatory agency for the improvements authorized by the Commission.

4. Lessee shall not store any personal items or construct any improvements within the Public Trust easement which may impair the public uses.

**STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:**

**Authority:**

Public Resources Code sections 6005, 6216, 6301, 6501.1, and 6503.5; California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 2000, subdivision (b).

**Public Trust and State's Beset Interests Analysis:**

On June 26, 2006, the Commission authorized a 10-year Recreational Pier Lease, Lease No. PRC 8681.9, for two existing mooring buoys to Robert P. Oliver, As Trustee of the Oliver Community Property Trust Dated May 5, 1975 ([Calendar Item C18, June 26, 2006](#)). That lease expired on May 31, 2016. The Applicant is now applying for a new lease for the continued use and maintenance of two existing mooring buoys.

The mooring buoys are privately owned and maintained. The two mooring buoys are used for the mooring of boats. Recreational boating is a water-dependent use that is generally consistent with the common law Public Trust Doctrine. The California Legislature has identified private recreational boating facilities as an authorized use of Public Trust lands (Pub. Resources Code, § 6503.5).

The buoys have existed for many years at this location and do not significantly alter the land. The two mooring buoys are located directly lakeward of the upland property and occupy a relatively small area of the lake.

The proposed lease does not alienate the State's fee simple interest or permanently impair public rights. The lease is limited to a 10-year term, does not grant the lessee exclusive rights to the lease premises, and reserves an easement to the public for Public Trust-consistent uses. Upon termination of the lease, the lessee may be required to remove all improvements from State land.

The proposed lease requires the lessee to insure the lease premises and indemnify the State for any liability incurred as a result of the lessee's

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activities thereon. The lease also requires the payment of annual rent to compensate the people of the State for the occupation of the public land involved. For all the reasons above, Commission staff believes the issuance of this lease is consistent with the common law Public Trust Doctrine and is in the best interests of the State.

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

1. This action is consistent with Strategy 1.1 of the Commission's Strategic Plan to deliver the highest levels of public health and safety in the protection, preservation, and responsible economic use of the lands and resources under the Commission's jurisdiction.
2. The staff recommends that the Commission find that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 1, Existing Facilities; California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 2905, subdivision (a)(2).

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15300 and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 2905.

3. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370 et seq., but such activity will not affect those significant lands. Based upon staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Land Description
- B. Site and Location Map

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the Commission:

**CEQA FINDING:**

Find that the activity is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061 as a categorically exempt project, Class 1, Existing Facilities; California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 2905, subdivision (a)(2).

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**PUBLIC TRUST AND STATE'S BEST INTERESTS:**

Find that the proposed lease will not substantially impair the public rights to navigation and fishing or substantially interfere with the Public Trust needs and values at this location, at this time, or for the foreseeable term of the lease, and is consistent with the common law Public Trust Doctrine, and is in the best interests of the State.

**SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:**

Find that this activity is consistent with the use classification designated by the Commission for the land pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370 et seq.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Recreational Use to the Applicant beginning June 1, 2016, for a term of 10 years, for the continued use and maintenance of two existing mooring buoys as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B (for reference purposes only) attached and by this reference made a part hereof; annual rent in the amount of \$754, with an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment; and liability insurance in an amount no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

**EXHIBIT A**

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**LAND DESCRIPTION**

Two (2) parcels of submerged land situate in the bed of Lake Tahoe, lying adjacent to Lot 7 of fractional Section 33, Township 16 North, Range 17 East, MDM., as shown on Official Government Township Plat approved November 10, 1865, County of Placer, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:

**PARCELS 1 & 2 (BUOYS)**

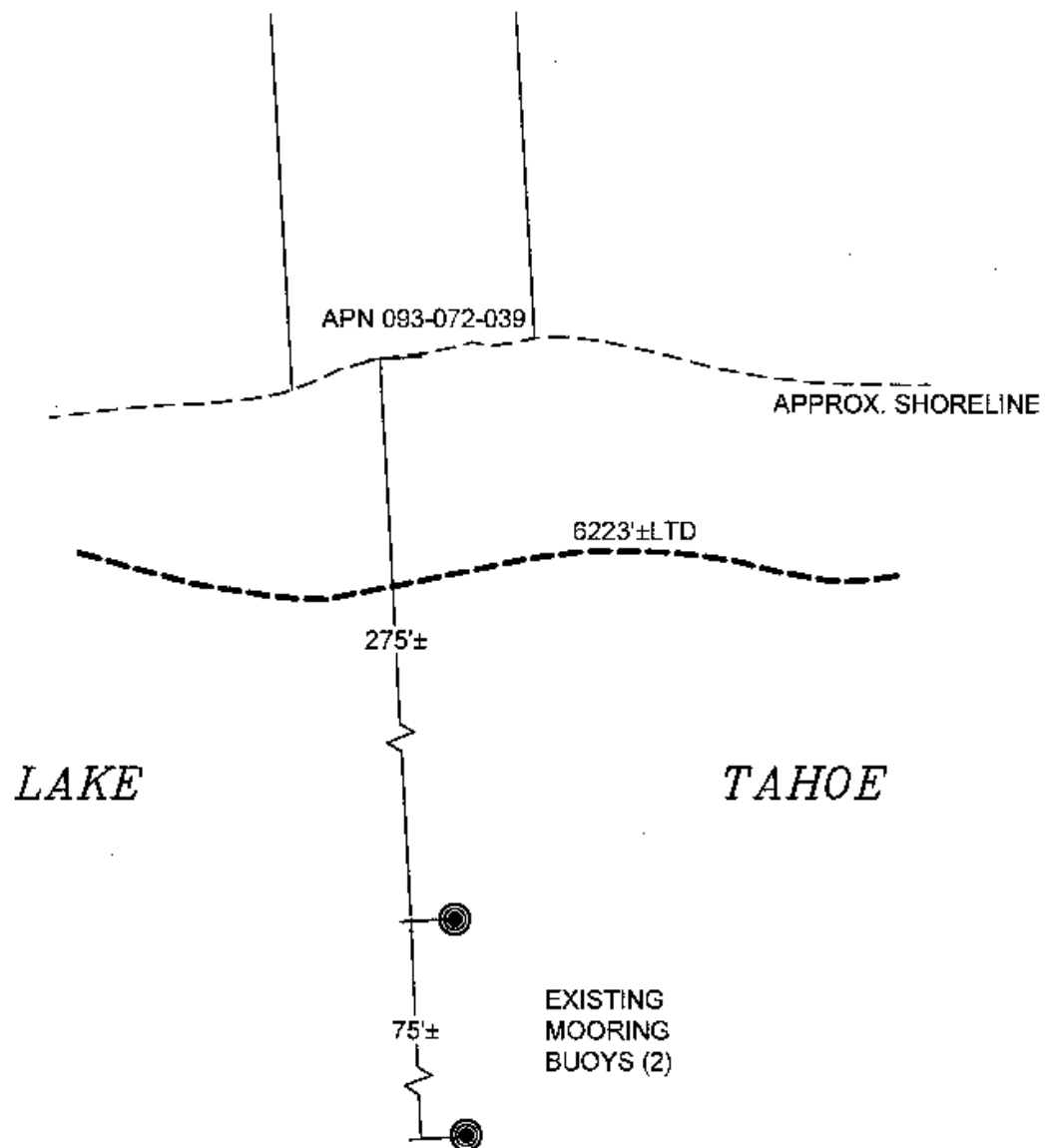
Two (2) circular parcels of land, each being 50 feet in diameter, underlying two (2) existing buoys lying adjacent to those parcels described in the Grant Deed recorded April 7, 1993 as Document Number 93-024340 in Official Records of said County.

Accompanying plat is hereby made part of this description.

**END OF DESCRIPTION**

Prepared 11/15/2016 by the California State Lands Commission Boundary Unit.





## EXHIBIT A

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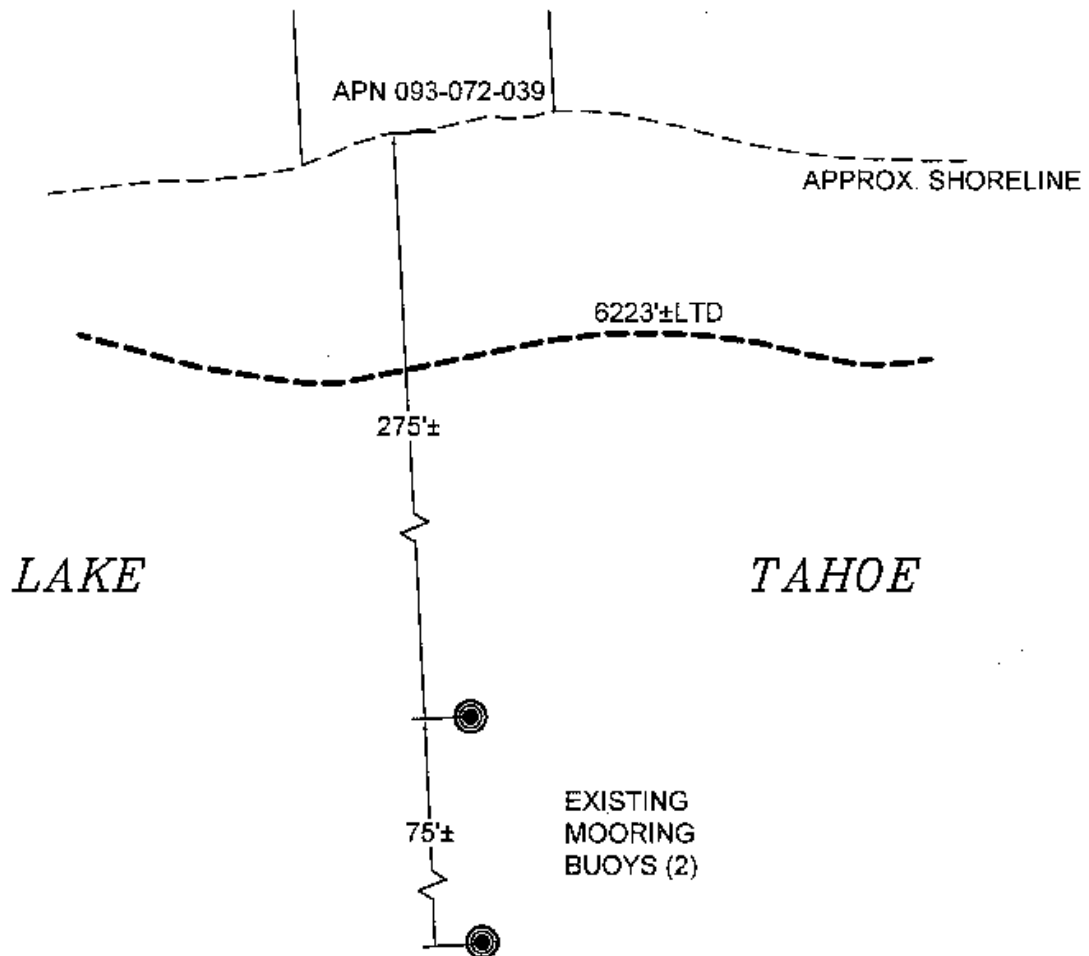
LAND DESCRIPTION PLAT  
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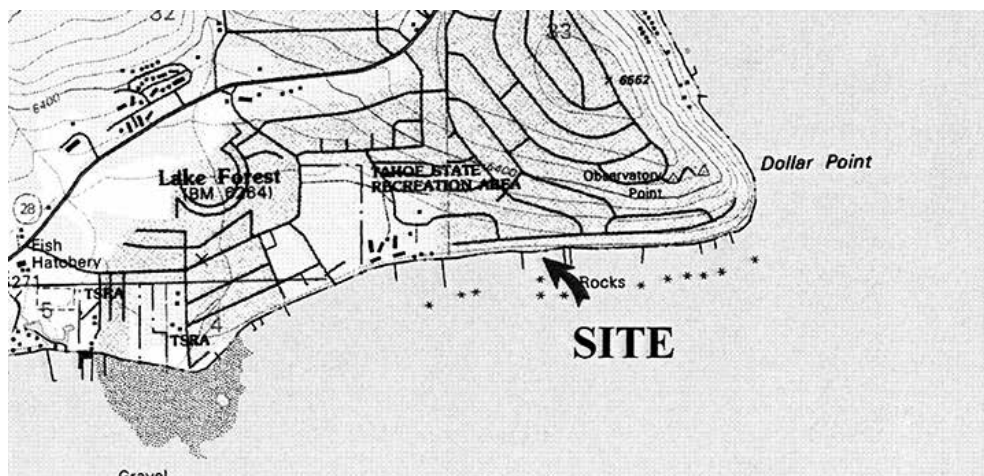
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3230 EDGEWATER DRIVE, NEAR TAHOE CITY

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## LOCATION



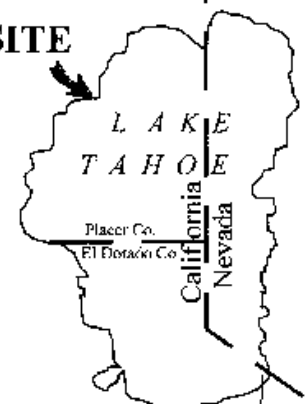
MAP SOURCE: USGS QUAD

This Exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the lease premises, is based on unverified information provided by the Lessee or other parties and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as, a waiver or limitation of any State interest in the subject or any other property.

## **Exhibit B**

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## **SITE**



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